Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Public Accountancy

June 21, 2018 50 Maple Street Milford, MA 01757

Board Members Present:

Randall S. Davis, CPA, *Chairman* Angela Parziale, CPA, MST *Member* Richard H. Grueter, CPA, *Member*

Board Members Not Present:

Mark S. Robinson, CPA, Secretary Open Seat, Public Member

Staff Members Present:

James A. O'Connor, *Board Legal Counsel* Brian P. Bialas, *Executive Director*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chairman Davis.

General Business: [open session]

Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedures

Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Bialas discussed the emergency evacuation procedures and the locations of restrooms.

Welcome New Board Member: Angela Parziale

Mr. Davis welcomed the Board's new member, Angela Parziale.

Minutes of January 18, 2018

The minutes for the January 18, 2018 meeting were discussed. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Grueter, seconded by Mr. Davis, to amend the minutes and approved the minutes as amended. The motion passed. Ms. Parziale abstained.

Tara Barboza: Certified Public Accountant Application

Ms. Barboza was called to the meeting to discuss the Board's approval of her application at its May meeting. The Board discussed with Ms. Barboza how it had exceeded its authority in approving her application. Board Counsel explained that the Board mistakenly approved her application at its meeting in May 2018, and she presently does not have the experience required for a license under the Board's regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Grueter to rescind the Board's approval of Ms. Barboza's application and at Ms. Barboza's election, to either leave the application on file as incomplete or to deny the application so that Ms. Barboza could appeal the Board's decision, seconded by Mr. Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Investigative Conference: Review Cases:</u> under G.L. c. 112 s. 65C [Closed Session]

On a motion by Mr. Grueter, seconded by Ms. Parziale, the Board voted unanimously to suspend the open meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §65C to review current cases.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:52AM.

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following actions:

Settlement:

20151113CA014-IT-ENF [FZ]

Direction Given to Prosecutor

Cases

PCAOB

Report on Firm [D]: Invite Licensee for Interview

AICPA

Disciplinary, Drop, and Termination Report: Open Complaint and Request Additional

Information

Letter from Firm [K]: No Action Taken

The Board returned to open session at 11:56AM.

New Business:

Diane Kimball addressed the Board regarding the formerly available non-reporting license, and her concern that those studying and taking exams were not properly notified of the regulation changes eliminating the non-reporting license. Mr. O'Connor stated that the Board followed the prescribed notification procedures for regulation changes.

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Cases

2018-000363-IT-ENF [BM]: Dismiss 2017-000009-IT-ENF [CB]: Dismiss

2017-000094-IT-ENF [JD]: Refer to Investigations

2017-000366-IT-ENF [JG]: Dismiss

2017-001334-IT-ENF [MB]: Refer to Prosecutions

2018-000120-IT-ENF [SF]: 2018-000159-IT-ENF [SM]:

Refer to Prosecutions Dismiss

The Board returned to open session at 12:55PM.

Correspondence:

The Board addressed and reviewed the items of correspondence as publicized in its agenda. The correspondence and the Board's action regarding each are as follows:

4.19.18 Email from N. Buchanan re: Dean Czerwonka Course Credit

Mr. Grueter reported on an inquiry from NASBA regarding two classes that an applicant took that may be too similar for both to count toward the required education credit hours. A motion was made by Ms. Parziale, seconded by Mr. Grueter, to only count one class toward the applicant's education credit hour requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

5.3.18 Email from S. Lee re: CPE Approval

A motion was made by Ms. Parziale, seconded by Mr. Grueter, to approve up to 16.5 CPE credits for the classes presented provided the licensee shows proof that she attended the classes. The motion passed unanimously.

5.15.18 Email from C. Couture re: CPE Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Grueter, seconded by Mr. Davis, to deny CPE credit for the program presented by the licensee. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Grueter, seconded by Ms. Parziale, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to suspend the open meeting pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with the public record law G. L. c. 66, § 10, and preserve the confidentiality of medical record information. G. L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c).

The Board entered Executive Session at 1:09PM.

The Board returned to open session at 1:12PM.

Adjournment

Chairman Davis obtained assurance from the Board's staff that the day's agenda had been completed, and there being no objections, on a motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Parziale, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the May 17, 2018 meeting at 1:12PM.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on August 16, 2018.

Brian Bialas, Executive Director

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List of Documents Used by the Board at the Open Meeting:

- Draft Minutes of January 18, 2018 Meeting
- Tara Barboza: Certified Public Accountant Application
- 4.19.18 Email from N. Buchanan re: Dean Czerwonka Course Credit
- 5.3.18 Email from S. Lee re: CPE Approval
- 5.15.18 Email from C. Couture re: CPE Approval